

## **Franklin Township**

May 8, 2012

The regular meeting of the Franklin Township Board was called to order At 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Platt who then led the flag pledge. Present: Platt, Whitehead, Wibbeler, VanValkenburg and Sherman. Absent: none. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer reported income of \$7,500.00 and expenses of \$52,248.53. Additional bills submitted for payment: Exxon Mobil-\$140 (Cemetery Fuel), Tecumseh Herald-\$171.75 (Printing), Schaedler & Lacasse-\$880 (April Legal Fees), VISA-\$104.22. Sherman moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and all bills submitted for payment. Whitehead supported and motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

VanValkenburg moved to give Supervisor Platt the authority to sign off on the deed to the old township hall on behalf of the township. Sherman seconded and motion carried.

VanValkenburg presented the following two fence bids for the old township hall:

1. Adrian-Tecumseh Fence-\$820.41

(Remove 10' fence section & install 10' double gate and haul away.)

2. A-1 Fence Works-\$550

(Remove 10' Fence and haul away and install double swing gate.)

Sherman moved to accept the A-1 Fence Works bid of \$550. Wibbeler seconded and motion carried. The fence work will be done between Cohen Park and the basketball court.

Bldg. Insp./Zoning Officer Bruce Nickel updated the board that Consumers Energy has decided not to pursue changing the house numbers/addresses for the Tipton Meadows subdivision. The board directed Nickel to send a letter to Consumers Energy asking them to reconsider their decision and extend an invitation for a representative to join the board at the June board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sherman received a phone inquiry pertaining to the house that burned on N. Pentecost Hwy and the removal of debris. Platt stated that the owners are waiting on the insurance company at this time. Sherman also commented on the dilapidated house on the corner of Pentecost Hwy near Pawson Rd. Nickel is aware of the structure and is currently working on it.

Nickel stated that a qualified Dangerous Bldg. Hearing Officer is in need of being appointed and the pay to be set.

Sup. Platt recommended reappointing Todd Wolf to the Board of Appeals, and John Elwart, Jane Murphy and Linda Brooks to the Planning Commission, all for 3-year terms. VanValkenburg moved to approve the recommendations. Whitehead seconded and motion carried.

Due to the anticipated absences of Supervisor Platt and Clerk Whitehead for the regularly scheduled June 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting, the board decided to change the June board meeting to Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m .

The board discussed that the cemetery driveway may need to be reseal coated and could combine a bid with the reseal coating of the basketball court.

VanValkenburg will contact Twp. Attorney Schaedler concerning civil infractions in regards to ordinances.

Co. Commissioner Chris Wittenbach was present and updated those present that the oblique imagery is about 75% complete with the program being funded by a property assessment fund. Wittenbach said there did not appear to be enough support for a proposed public safety millage. A county park on Taylor Road has been under discussion to get a new driveway/parking area that would be installed by the Co. Road Commission in order to help alleviate parking on the road. County funds would pay for the driveway/parking area. Resident Kathleen Klumpp who lives near the park spoke in opposition to the proposed driveway/parking lot stating that she would like to see the “natural” park stay that way. It is the only wilderness park in the county and due to its secluded nature Klumpp is wary of what type of activities it might attract.

Groundskeeper Jeremy Ries will weed spray both Cohen Parks.

Public comment was heard and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Sue Whitehead  
Franklin Township Clerk